

not by any trespasser in search of eggs, as he found the wing and other feathers of a Tit on a nest in one of the rifled boxes, whilst nesting-boxes made from hollowed logs and placed in adjacent trees were undisturbed.

In one of the latter was a Blue Tit's nest with fourteen eggs, the largest number of this species ever found by Mr. Read in one nest. Every egg in this nest has since hatched out and the birds when last seen were fully fledged, filling the box with a seething, fluttering mass of feathered life.

MR. CHARLES CHUBB sent the following descriptions of new forms from South America :—

Myrmophila vavasouri, sp. nov.

Adult male. General colour above and below dark slate-blue, including the head, back, inner secondaries, tail, breast, abdomen, sides of body, under tail-coverts, and under wing-coverts; a white tuft on the shoulder of the wing; upper wing-coverts black tipped with white; primary and secondary quills dark brown with pale edges on the inner webs, slate-blue on the outer webs, and narrowly edged with white at the tips of the secondaries; inner webs of tail-feathers blackish, narrowly margined with white at the tips; chin and throat-patch deep black.

Total length 103 mm.; culmen 14; tail 66; tarsus 16.

Adult female. Differs entirely from the male in being fulvous brown above and inclining to rufous on the wings; sides of the face, throat, and middle of the breast ochreous buff; sides of the breast, sides of the body, and under tail-coverts fulvous; middle of abdomen greyish white. Wing 61 mm.

Hab. British Guiana.

The types of both male and female are in the McConnell collection, and were collected on the Ituribisi River in February 1907.

This species is allied to *M. longipes*, but differs in being dark slate-blue in its general coloration instead of ash-grey.

Rhopias spodionota juninensis, subsp. nov.

Adult male. Similar to the type of *M. s. spodionota*, but differs in being paler and tinged with olive on the top of the head, back, wings, and tail; more white on the throat; the breast paler lead-grey, the flanks, vent, and under tail-coverts paler ochreous brown, and the wing and tail measurements slightly larger.

Total length 105 mm.; exposed portion of culmen 12; wing 53; tail 41; tarsus 16.

Hab. Central Peru.

The type, which is in the British Museum, was collected at Junin, Central Peru, by P. O. Simons on the 12th of March, 1900.

Cercomacra cinerascens immaculata, subsp. nov.

Adult male. General colour above and below blackish slate colour; primary and secondary quills blackish with pale grey edgings to the inner webs; tail somewhat darker than the back, with obsolete wavy bars and narrow white tips to the feathers; under surface slightly paler than the back.

Total length 147 mm.; exposed culmen 16; wing 65; tail 57; tarsus 20.

Adult female. Upper surface very dark ochreous brown becoming paler brown on the head and outer aspect of the wings; primary and secondary quills dark brown with pale edges to the inner webs; tail-feathers olive-brown regularly, but obscurely, barred with black and fringed with white at the tips; entire under surface rust-brown. Wing 63 mm.

Hab. British Guiana.

The male and female types are in the McConnell collection and were collected—male on the Supenaam River in March 1910, female at the Great Falls, Demerara River, in August 1913.

This new subspecies differs from *C. c. cinerascens* in being darker, including both sexes both above and below, in the absence of the white dorsal patch, and the uniform upper wing-coverts.

According to Hellmayr (Nov. Zool. xii. p. 287), *C. napensis* Sclater is synonymic with *C. cinerascens* Sclater. The Guiana bird, therefore, is easily separable from the type of the latter by the characters given above.

Cercomacra tyrannina saturator, subsp. nov.

Adult male. Differs from the type of *C. t. tyrannina* from Bogota in being much darker, almost black above, and very dark slate-colour on the under surface.

Total length 144 mm.; exposed culmen 17; wing 65; tail 59; tarsus 23.

Adult female. Differs from the typical female of *C. t. tyrannina* in being bright chestnut rufous on the cheeks and entire under surface.

Total length 199 mm.; exposed culmen 16; wing 64; tail 56; tarsus 22.

Hab. British Guiana.

The types, which are in the McConnell collection, were collected on the Ituribisi River in February 1907.

Cercomacra tyrannina pallescens, subsp. nov.

Adult male. Differs from the type of *C. t. tyrannina* in being paler and more dusky slate-colour, both above and below.

Total length 135 mm.; exposed culmen 14; wing 66; tail 55; tarsus 22.

Adult female. Differs from the female of *C. t. tyrannina* in being paler on the upper surface and the chestnut rufous of the under parts much more richly coloured.

Total length 122 mm.; exposed culmen 14; wing 61; tail 48; tarsus 24.

Hab. West Ecuador.

The types, which are in the British Museum, were collected at Esmeraldas, Ecuador, by the late L. Fraser.

Rhopoterpe torquata equatorialis, subsp. nov.

Rhopoterpe torquata Sclater, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xv. 1890, p. 298, specimens *h, i, j, k*.

Adult male. Differs from *R. t. torquata* in being darker

both on the upper and under surface and in the slightly larger measurements.

Total length 136 mm.; exposed culmen 21; wing 97; tail 38; tarsus 25.

Adult female. Differs from *R. t. torquata* also in being darker above and, more conspicuously, below.

Total length 134 mm.; exposed culmen 21; wings 99; tail 37; tarsus 26.

Hab. Eastern Ecuador.

The types, which are in the British Museum, were collected by the late Clarence Buckley at Sarayacu in Eastern Ecuador.

Hylopezas macularia macconelli, subsp. nov.

Adult male. Differs from *H. m. macularia* in having the crown of head and nape pale slate-colour, instead of dark slate-colour; the back, innermost secondaries, and tail olive-green, instead of ochreous brown; the ferruginous colour on the sides of the body much paler; and the under tail-coverts almost entirely white, instead of ferruginous like the sides of the body.

Total length 132 mm.; exposed culmen 20; wing 88; tail 27; tarsus 34.

Hab. British Guiana.

The type, which is in the McConnell collection, was collected on the Ituribisi River in August 1909.

Grallaricula nana kukenamensis, subsp. nov.

Adult female. Differs from an adult female of *G. n. nana* (Lafr.) from Bogota, in being paler and inclining to ash-grey on the head and nape; the back, wings, and tail paler and ochreous brown instead of chocolate-brown, the feathers round the eye ferruginous instead of black, throat and abdomen pale ferruginous instead of deep ferruginous, or "intense" as Lafresnay expressed it, the thighs pale ferruginous instead of dusky, and in its smaller size.

Total length 103 mm.; exposed culmen 13; wing 62; tail 28; tarsus 25.

Hab. British Guiana.

The type, which is in the British Museum, was collected by the late Henry Whitely in the Kukenam Mountains at an altitude of 5000 ft. on the 31st of August, 1883.

Furnarius leucopus hauxwelli, subsp. nov.

Adult female. Differs from *F. l. leucopus* in being paler on the upper surface, more white on the under surface, and the under tail-coverts much darker.

Total length 174 mm.; exposed culmen 20; wing 81; tail 53; tarsus 28.

Hab. Eastern Peru.

The type, which is in the British Museum, was collected at Pebas, on the Rio Maranon by J. Hauxwell on the 29th of April, 1867.

Lochmias nematura castanonota, subsp. nov.

Adult female. Differs from *L. n. nematura* (Licht.) in being rich chestnut-brown on the upper surface instead of dusky olive, less white on the under surface especially on the flanks, the white shaft-streaks on the under tail-coverts almost obsolete, and the smaller size.

Total length 146 mm.; culmen from anterior part of nostrils 14; wing 64; tail 43; tarsus 23.

Hab. British Guiana.

The type, which is in the British Museum, was collected by the late Henry Whitely on the Aruparu River in the Kukenam Mountains, at an altitude of 5000 ft., on August 29th, 1883.

The next Meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, the 9th of October, 1918, at PAGANI'S RESTAURANT, 42-48 Great Portland Street, W.; the Dinner at 7 p.m. Members of the Club intending to dine are requested to inform the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Talbot-Ponsonby, at 5 Crown Office Row, Temple, E.C. 4.

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